CORRECTION EMAIL

Hold the afternoon send while we correct the March jobs headline

For Business and audience editors

Decision for this send

Please hold the newsletter while we correct the live headline. It describes a job loss in March. The federal release compares two estimates of how many jobs were on payrolls that month. [1]

Replacement headline

Preliminary review finds 818,000 fewer US payroll jobs in March than first estimated [1]

Replacement lead

US nonfarm payrolls in March were 818,000 jobs below the government's earlier estimate, according to a preliminary Bureau of Labor Statistics review released August 21. The agency compared payroll estimates with employer tax records and put the difference at 0.5%. It left the monthly figures unchanged in this release. The final benchmark is due in February 2025. [1,2]

Correction for readers

An earlier headline said the US lost 818,000 jobs in March. The figure is a preliminary estimate of how much the government overstated the total number of nonfarm payroll jobs that month. [1]

Before the newsletter goes out

Business desk, replace the headline and lead and append the reader correction. Audience desk, change the queued newsletter and notify syndication partners who carried the old headline. Release the newsletter once its preview shows the corrected line.

Sources

1. 2024 Preliminary Benchmark Revision · 21 August 2024
2. Release schedule for the March 2024 preliminary benchmark · 5 July 2024

Open source notes and the attached context